

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

PETITION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY)	
INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO ADJUST RATES)	CASE NO. 7273-U
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURCHASED GAS)	
ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE)	

O R D E R

On April 23, 1979, this Commission issued its Order in Case No. 7273, approving certain adjustments in the rates of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., (Columbia), and providing under certain conditions for refunds.

On May 8, 1981, Columbia notified the Commission that they had received a refund from one of their suppliers, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Transmission) and that the refund is due to the Applicant's customers.

This refund, in the amount of \$161,394.41, is due to Columbia's customers as a result of rate reductions approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which resulted in Columbia receiving refunds from its supplier, Transmission.

Columbia, for the purposes of making this refund, has calculated the amount owed each high pressure customer based upon individual customer usage during the refund calculation period. The total refund due high pressure customers amounts to \$65,225.93 and will, upon approval, be refunded by check. The balance of the refund in the amount of \$96,168.17 would be refunded to approximately 113,700 low pressure residential and commercial customers by bill credit over a four month period.

The estimated refund factor applicable to low pressure customers is .0609¢ per Mcf.

After reviewing this evidence of record and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) Columbia's proposed refunds of \$161,394.41 are fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be made in the manner proposed by the Applicant.

(2) The refund factor of .0609¢ per Mcf should be adjusted, when necessary, to assure proper refunds to their customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Columbia shall refund by check \$65,225.93 to its high pressure customers and that \$96,168.17 shall be refunded to its low pressure customers by application of credit factor of .0609¢ per Mcf of sales to its customers' bill.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon completion of the refund directed herein, Columbia shall file with the Commission, a statement of the monies refunded to its customers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Columbia shall notify the Commission upon completion of the refund authorized herein, and the amount of the refund to all customers served.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the information furnished this Commission by Columbia on May 8, 1981, constitutes full compliance with the Commission's requirements and orders in Case No. 7273, and any other information ordinarily required to be filed under Commission's regulations is hereby waived.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin M. Webb
Chairman

~~Vice Chairman~~

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary